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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,617,026

AL German OS 198 56 802

AM German OS 198 29 296

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German OS 44 332 747 which was identified and discussed at page 3 of the present specification, together with Reference AM. Reference AL was identified and discussed at page 2 of the specification. Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Literal English translation of References AL and AM are not readily available to the Applicant, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute summaries of the teachings of those respective references. Applicant also notes that

Reference AM corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,353,319 which was granted on March 5, 2002, but the undersigned counsel has not yet been supplied with a copy of that reference from the Patent and Trademark Office.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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